OUT WITH THE NEW; IN WITH THE OLD

By John Charles and Joanne Hamilton-Selway

FAMILY SAGAS

The Rich Shall Inherit by Elizabeth Adler

The search for a missing heiress to the estate of wealthy Poppy Mallory has been narrowed down to five possible candidates and as journalist Mike Preston investigates each one, he learns more about Poppy's own mysterious origins.

Shades of Fortune by Stephen Birmingham

Mireille "Mimi" Myerson--president of the Miray Cosmetic Corporation--must contend with the rumors and scandal threatening her family's empire and make a painful choice between her marriage and a long-lost love.

Old Sins by Penny Vincenzi

With more backstabbing and Blahniks than an episode of Dynasty, Brit Vincenzi puts the grit in glitz and the drama back in glamour. The death of Julian Morell, the founder of a multimillion-dollar cosmetics empire, ignites a raging battle between the women in his life--his mother, his first wife, his daughter, his colleague, his mistress, and his second wife

Evergreen by Belva Plain

In turn of the century New York, Polish immigrant Anna Friedman is hired as a maid for the wealthy Werner family and falls in love with the boss's son. Evergreen spent 41 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list and was made into a television miniseries (remember those?)

Sotah by Naomi Ragen

Traditional, ultra-Orthodox Dina Reich accepts her arranged marriage but when she begins to flirt with another man, she is forced to undergo the ritual test for a sotah, an unfaithful wife.

SUSPENSE-THRILLERS

The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax by Dorothy Gilman

Sixty-something Emily Pollifax wants more out of life than her gardening club can provide so she becomes a courier for the CIA. What? She couldn't take up bridge?

Red Dragon by Thomas Harris

Scarier than Silence of the Lambs, way more coherent than Hannibal Rising, and way, way more plausible than Hannibal (ewww!), Red Dragon is Harris at his ooky best. FBI agent Will Graham reluctantly comes out of retirement to help catch the evilest of all serial killers, The Red Dragon.

The Guns of Navarrone by Alistair MacLean

A small band of British commandos must infiltrate a German held Greek island and destroy the guns of Navarrone. An old-fashioned adventure tale that has withstood the test of time.of Navarrone. An old-fashioned adventure tale that has withstood the test of time.

SUSPENSE-THRILLERS (cont...)

Above Suspicion by Helen MacInnes

While "vacationing" in Europe in 1938, Oxford professor Richard Miles and his wife Frances are actually searching for an underground agent who may have been captured by the Nazis.

Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow

Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rusty Sabich is assigned to investigate the murder of a coworker and former lover. Turow's first book (and his best) launched the legal thriller craze of the 90's (Thank him, John Grisham!)

MYSTERIES

Deep Blue Goodbye by John D. MacDonald

Travis McGee, a self-described "retriever of valuables," agrees to help Cathy Kerr get back her late father's treasure. While it's a bit old-fashioned with its babes, broads, and bimbos, (obviously Travis never met Gloria Steinem!), McDonald has created a legendary protagonist in Travis.

A Morbid Taste for Bones by Ellis Peters

Brother Cadfael encounters deception and murder while traveling through England to Wales to acquire the bones of a little known saint. Peters has no peers when it comes to expertly mixing mystery and history.

The Roman Hat Mystery by Ellery Queen

A lawyer is murdered while attending a play and Ellery Queen discovers almost everyone in the theater had a reason to kill him. A television show, a magazine, and a radio show, Ellery Queen had it all.

Fer-de-Lance by Rex Stout

Nero Wolfe finds his investigation into the disappearance of an immigrant ironworker is somehow connected to the mysterious death of a college president.

Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey

An intriguing and involving mystery about a police detective who decides to solve the centuries old mystery of the murder of the princes in the Tower by Richard III.

ROMANCE

The Grand Sophy by Georgette Heyer

While staying with her aunt in London, outspoken Sophy Stanton-Lacy decides to meddle in everyone's affairs, including those of her cousin Charles Rivenhall, who is engaged to a woman she thinks is too straight-laced for him.

Mistress of Mellyn by Victoria Holt

After taking a job with a mysterious family in Cornwall, a young governess discovers that the mother of her young charge was murdered and that everyone thinks her new employer is the killer.

ROMANCE (cont...)

The Gamble by LaVyrle Spencer

Prim and proper milliner Agatha Downing finds herself engaged in a moral battle against alcohol when Scott Gandy opens a saloon in 1880s Profit, Kansas. Spencer's accurate historical details and fully realized flesh-and-blood characters make this story of two very stubborn people a winner.

Nine Coaches Waiting by Mary Stewart

The Château Valmy is too luxurious and beautiful to be true. In fact, beneath these trappings of fabulous old wealth is a dark, dangerous secret, one that threatens the very life of young British nanny Linda Martin and Philippe, her nine-year-old charge.

Emerald by Phyllis Whitney

Journalist Carol Hamilton finds danger and romance in Palm Springs when she tries to discover the reason her glamorous great aunt gave up her movie career.

GLITZY GLAMOUR

Lace by Shirley Conran

Cinematic superstar Lili wants to know which of the four women – Kate, Pagan, Maxine, or Jordan – who she has called to her Paris hotel is really her mother. This potboiler par-excellence set the standard (we're not saying high or low) for trashy beach reading.

The First Wives Club by Olivia Goldsmith

After their husbands dump them for younger – and blonder – models, three friends: Annie, Elise, and Brenda form their own club with the purpose of settling the score with their ex-husbands.

Scruples by Judith Krantz

The rich and the chic are soon flocking to Billy Winthrop Ikehorn Orsini's high fashion boutique in Beverly Hills, where their most lavish dreams can be realized. Ok, THIS book set the standard for...oh, never mind.

Deceptions by Judith Michaels

Sabrina, Lady Longworth, and her identical twin Stephanie, a housewife, are so dissatisfied with their lives that they decide to switch places. They revel in their new "lives" until something happens that changes everything.

If Tomorrow Comes by Sidney Sheldon

Tracy Whitney seems to have everything she wants. As she is about to wed a wealthy man who is the father of her child, Tracy luck runs out when she is framed by the Mob for assault and robbery. While in prison, she loses her baby but manages to save the warden's daughter from drowning and is pardoned. Now it's payback time!

HISTORICALS

Shogun by James Clavell

After being shipwrecked off Japan, English navigator John Blackthorne learns the complex ways of the Japanese from Lady Mariko and becomes involved in the power struggle between two rival warlords, both of whom want to be the next Shogun.

The Far Pavilions by M.M. Kaye

Ashton "Ash" Pelham-Martyn once worked as a servant for the Raj, but when he returns to India years later as a British officer, he discovers one of his new duties is to escort two Royal brides to their weddings. Unfortunately, one of the women is none other than Princess Anjuli, his one true love.

Sunne in Splendor by Sharon Kay Penman

In Penman's revisionist look at the Lancasters and the Yorks, Richard III is the protector and supporter of the boy princes and not a villain and murderer. You will be captivated until the final page.

Lady in the Tower by Jean Plaidy

Beautiful, ambitious, cunning Anne Boleyn tells how she refused to settle for being Henry VIII's mistress, insisting instead on being his queen, with famously tragic results. If Philippa Gregory doesn't write fast enough for you, Plaidy will fill all your Boleyn needs.

Katherine by Anya Seton

Katherine is the story of the romance between Chaucer's sister-in-law, Katherine Swynford, and John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. Considered the best of Seton's many outstanding historical novels, Katherine has all the ingredients of a best-seller: fascinating characters, star-crossed lovers, and a vividly evoked historical setting. Seton's books have an excellent sense of time and place.